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OPENING OF PATENT INFORMATION CENTRES
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open one Patent Information Centre (PIC) in each State in order to facilitatefiling of patent application;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the States where Patent Information Centres have already been set up under the plan; and

(c) the time by which a Patent Information Centre is likely to be set up in Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (c) The Department of Science & Technology through its Patent facilitating Centre under the Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council(TIFAC), has set up 15 Patent Information Centres in 15 states namely, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh Uttranchal and West Bengal. These centres have been set up mainly on the requests of state S&T Councils/departments.Preparatory activities have commenced towards setting up such centres in other states including Maharashtra.